THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re the application of:

Sankar Dasgupta Applicant:

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Title:

CARBON FIBRE CONTAINING NEGATIVE ELECTRODE FOR

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RESPONSE

To:

The Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks

Washington, DC 20231

U.S.A.

Date: January 14, 2004

This is in response to the Office Communication dated September 17, 2003 and is accompanied by a Petition for a one-month extension of time, thereby extending the due date for responding to the Office Action from December 17, 2003 to January 17, 2004.

Please amend the application as set out on the accompanying pages.